

# Minuteman

PRSRT STD  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Permit #671  
Montgomery, AL

Vol. 51, No. 2

Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.

February 2003

## AF leaders announce new core competencies

By Master Sgt. Scott Elliott  
Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON** — The Air Force's senior leaders debuted the service's new approach to describing its core competencies this week.

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper made this announcement in two separate messages to all airmen. Roche released his first "The Secretary's Vector" Jan. 14, while Jumper's latest "Chief's Sight Picture" was published Jan. 15.

The competencies are developing airmen, technology-to-warfighting and integrating operations. According to Roche, these three elements are fundamental to how the Air Force views itself, how it is viewed by leaders and colleagues, and how the service develops its capabilities for joint warfighting.

"These unique institutional qualities set the Air Force apart from the other services and every other military force in the world," Roche said in The Secretary's Vector. "By identifying and keeping these competencies foremost in our vision, we can more effectively advance these unique capabilities, as well as the ultimate effects we provide to the nation."

These core competencies are not new, Jumper said in the Chief's Sight Picture.

"Rather, they are the unique institutional qualities inherent in everything we've done and continue to do," he said.

Core competencies form the foundation upon which the Air Force organizes, trains and equips, and form the cornerstones of the service's strength as a military service, Roche said.

Previously, the service had distilled its areas of expertise into the following six distinct capabilities and labeled

them core competencies: air and space superiority, global attack, rapid global mobility, precision engagement, information superiority and agile combat support.

According to the secretary and chief of staff, the Air Force's very nature of developing and delivering air and space power are at the root of the need to recognize these core competencies.

"Our systems may change, our threats may vary, our tactics may evolve and our people may come and go, but these three core competencies remain the constants that define our Air Force and enable us to fight and win America's wars," Jumper said.

Of the three air and space core competencies, the secretary and chief of staff said developing airmen is the heart of combat capability.

"The ultimate source of combat capability resides in the men and women of the Air Force," Roche said. "The val-

See Competencies Page 3



### Airshow Ready

Two Canadian Forces "Snowbirds" fly during a recent demonstration. The Snowbirds and the U.S. Navy Leapfrog parachute demonstration team are scheduled to headline the airshow April 26-27. More than 20 flying acts are set to perform. Also on the list is "Smoke and Thunder," the Air Force Reserve Command-sponsored jet car.

Courtesy photo

### This Month...

NCO on scene to aid stricken cook.....Page 2  
Dobbins inducts new Chief's.....Page 3  
Local Tuskegee Airmen revisit WWII.....Page 5  
80th APS Chief calls it a career.....Page 6

## Wing quarterly award winners announced

By Chief Master Sgt. David Curtis  
Public Affairs

After joining his unit at the beginning of the fourth quarter, Airmen Samuel Murphy, a 94th Maintenance Squadron guidance and control systems apprentice, has set high standards for his Air Force Reserve career. He's been named the 94th Airlift Wing's Airman of the Quarter for his hitting the ground running and performing above the apprentice level from day one.

Murphy is months ahead of his on-the-job training tasks. He has also been involved in relocating inventory, labeling equipment, and combining bench stock for the communication/navigation and guidance shop and the control shop, which reduced cost and duplication in the stock within the avionics flight. Along with his unit efforts, he was selected as one of the two base representatives to attend an Air Force Reserve

Advisory Board meeting held at the Air Reserve Personnel Center.

Tech. Sgt. James Going, 94th Security Forces Squadron squad leader, was selected as NCO of the Quarter. Going, who is currently deployed to Afghanistan, earned his recognition under the gun as a squad leader at Bagram Air Base. Not only did he work hard at preparing his 13-member squad for deployment, he continued aggressive training for the contingent after they were on the front lines, such as the use of a thermal imaging equipment for early detection.

Going's team is performing wartime activities that include patrolling the base, providing security for detainees and preventing flightline incursions, which the team reduced 60 percent upon their deployment.

Master Sgt. Phillip LaRue, 94th Maintenance Squadron aerospace propulsion craftsman, was selected as the Senior

NCO of the quarter based on the many different successful projects he managed during the fourth quarter.

LaRue directed the overhaul of an engine from the 939th Airlift Wing. The unit could not repair the engine and LaRue took over, obtaining the engine, ordering parts, and saving the Air Force Reserve \$300,000. His other projects included augmenting the repair of a C-130 vertical stabilizer by operating the a special 20-ton Loraine crane; providing guidance to the Navy in changing the prop on an E-2 aircraft; and handling the exchange of a condemned engine for the Transportation Proficiency Center, making the best use of Air Force assets and equipment and placing a repairable engine back into the system.

The Airmen, NCO and Senior NCO of the Quarter are selected by a board to represent the wing as outstanding performers for their achievements in the quarter.

### African-American Heritage Month





# Need for blood donations grows

By Master Sgt. Michael Briggs  
AETC Public Affairs

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — With a smaller pool of eligible military donors and a recently decreased stock of frozen blood, the Air Force assistant vice chief of staff is calling on servicemembers and their families to donate blood.

In a recent memo to the field, Lt. Gen. Joseph Wehrle asked airmen worldwide to support the January observance of National Volunteer Blood Donor Month by rolling up their sleeves and giving the gift of life.

"Blood safety and availability are inseparable requirements for ensuring optimal care of our active-duty troops, retirees, military spouses and children," he said. "Unfortunately, current federal regulations barring donations from (people) who have served time in Europe have resulted in a 25percent drop in eligible donors on Air Force bases."

Besides fewer donors, the frozen blood supply took a hit recently when the Armed Services Blood Program Office asked the military to withdraw

frozen blood supplies donated during last summer's West Nile virus epidemic to avoid transmitting the potentially fatal disease to recipients.

Those factors, combined with a historical trend of fewer blood donations in the winter months, would make the need for blood more urgent in any year. That need is even more urgent today, taking into consideration current world events including a possible war with Iraq.

"At this time, with American forces actively fighting the war on terrorism and with hundreds of thousands of military (people) deployed in support of expeditionary operations throughout the world, I want to personally encourage everyone who can give blood, to do so," Wehrle said.

Leaders of the nation's blood banking community are seeking a nationwide donation of 1.2 million units of blood during January. Military and civilian blood collection officials said donors with Type AB blood are especially needed, because AB is the universal blood plasma type.

"To avert critical blood shortages this winter, we need citizens across the

country to schedule an appointment to donate blood," said Jim MacPherson, chief executive officer of America's Blood Centers. "Blood has a shelf life of only 42 days, which means it constantly needs to be replenished. Donors can give blood every 56 days, or six times a year."

Fewer than 5 percent of healthy Americans eligible to donate blood actually donate each year, according to information from the American Association of Blood Banks. To be eligible to donate blood, a person must be in good health and usually must be at least 17 years old. Minimum weight requirements may vary among facilities, but generally, donors must weigh at least 110 pounds. Most blood banks have no upper age limit. All donors must pass the physical and health history examinations given before donation.

"This selfless act helps us take care of our own, the hallmark of our military tradition," Wehrle said. (Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service. Army Spc. Chuck Wagner contributed to this story.)

# Dobbins NCO at right place, right time for ill Waffle House cook

By Chief Master Sgt. David Curtis  
Public Affairs

A frequent gathering place for the early risers at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, the Waffle House just north of the base on U.S. 41, proved to be a different kind of experience for several 94th Airlift Wing reservists who happened to be ordering up breakfast around 5:30 a.m. to start their January Saturday unit training assembly.

As he prepared breakfast for several 80th Aerial Port Squadron members, the cook suffered a seizure that sent him to the floor. Finishing his meal at the counter was Tech. Sgt. Riley Kinser, a compliance supervisor with the 94th Logistics Support Squadron fuel management flight.

"I didn't know what was happening at first," said Kinser, from Gray, Ga. "He hit awfully hard, and I had never seen a person have a seizure, so it took me a couple of seconds to understand what had happened." When he realized the situation Kinser quickly went to the aid of the cook along with a Waffle House employee.

"When you go through Self-Aid and Buddy Care courses, you know that the training represents the basics of taking care of someone when they're in trouble," added Kinser, a computer systems analyst as a civilian. "I'm not a medic, but I knew enough to roll the guy over on his side and protect him from hurting himself." The cook was treated by paramedics, but was not hospitalized and was back to work the next day.

"It was a different kind of experience," said Chief Master Sgt. Walt Langford. "Several of us from the unit occasionally stop by here for breakfast, but this morning, we sort of took over the Waffle House. Sergeant Kinser aided the cook while other reservists took care of food on the grill."



Photo by Senior Airman Brett Brown

**Tech. Sgt. Riley Kinser stands in front of the Waffle House where he and other wing members provided help for the cook, who had suffered a seizure.**

# Proof of insurance in Georgia changes Feb. 1

By Senior Master Sgt. Suzanne L. Clemons  
94th Security Forces Squadron

People who have recently been to pass and registration and registered their vehicle were asked for a military/civilian identification card, driver's license, registration and proof of insurance.

Recently, the Air Force started using a new database called Security Forces Automated Information System. This system connects all Air Force installations security forces units and allows for vehicle information to be viewed from other Air Force installations. This system is also connected to Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

If family members are already entered in the DEERS this will expedite the registering or updating vehicle information process.

Beginning Feb. 1, Georgia drivers cannot show an insurance card as their proof of insurance. The new Georgia Electronic Insurance Compliance System goes online allowing police officers statewide to determine insurance coverage by entering the vehicle identification number (VIN) into a computer.

Though this makes insurance cards obsolete, you still need them to drive on base and will still be required to register a car on Dobbins Air Reserve Base. The VIN number is also entered into the new SFMIS computer. Identification cards are still needed for information exchange if drivers are involved in an accident.

After Feb. 1, there will be no exceptions. You should verify with your insurance company and state registration to ensure your vehicle's VIN is correct in both of their records.

# Honoring Dr. King



Photo by Don Peek

**Mawuli Mel Davis speaks to the crowd during the prayer breakfast honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Davis, an attorney at an Atlanta law firm, was the guest speaker for the event that was held at the Consolidated Open Mess Jan. 14.**



# Newest CMSgt inductees recognized

## Wing commander selected to title of Honorary "Chief"

By Chief Master Sgt. David Curtis  
Public Affairs

During induction ceremonies last month, the Dobbins Chiefs Group recognized four Dobbins ARB chiefs promoted last year and since the last induction in 2001.

Along with recognizing the accomplishments of the new chiefs, the group paid tributes to its first two Honorary Chiefs.

Held at the Dobbins Consolidated Club, the second induction ceremony sponsored by the group included families, friends, peers, superiors and subordinates joining to wish the new chiefs well.

"I waited 32 years to get this," said Chief Master Sgt. Paul Walker, who was promoted to chief last October. "And, it was definitely worth the wait. I felt really special and the ceremony made my family feel special with me. It



Photo by Don Peek

**Chief Master Sgt. James Roshak, Transportation Proficiency Center, and Airman 1st Class Marcella Paul, 94th Security Forces Squadron light candles during the induction ceremony.**

was just great. The rank of chief gives you more confidence in helping other people, and I hope when I leave I have made it better for others." Walker is the readiness superintendent and air reserve technician at 22nd Air Force.

Other chief master sergeant inductees included: William Biggie, senior air reserve technician for the 80th Aerial Port Squadron, Jimmy McKenna, aircrew life superintendent, Headquarters, 22nd AF, and Patrick Dale, air reserve technician and Avionics superintendent, 22nd AF.

"This year, we recognized two individuals who, through their words and actions, made a difference in our group, our effectiveness, and our dedication," said Chief Master Sgt. Les Davy, 22nd Air Force life support superintendent and president of the group. "We're proud to have inducted Brig. Gen. William Kane, commander of the 94th Airlift Wing, and Mr. Kevin Gontarek, our former Consolidated Club manager, as Honorary Chiefs.

"In our nearly 10 years as a group, we have never voted this status to anyone," continued Davy. "What makes them special is their complete support and understanding for what we do, and their interaction and involvement in our activities."

Chief Master Sgt. (retired) Michael Reynolds, former command chief master sergeant, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Fla., addressed the group, telling them that consistency, commitment and presence are attributes that define the strength and dedication of the Air Force and its members.



Photo by Don Peek

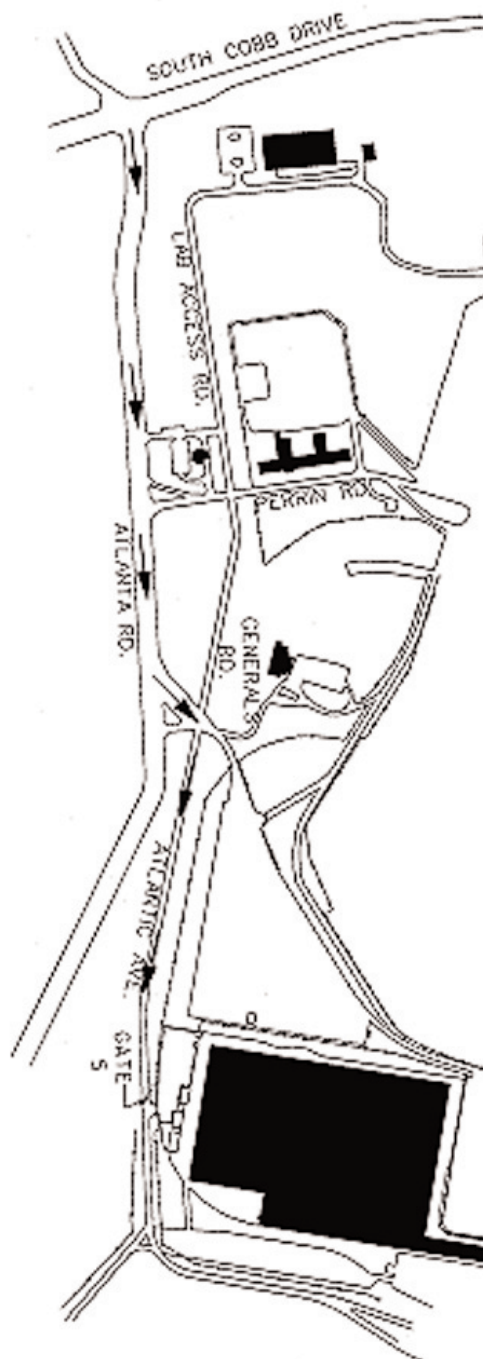
**Brig. Gen. William P. Kane, 94th Airlift Wing commander, receives his chief stripes from 22nd Air Force Command Chief Master Sergeant Charles Lowe. Command Chief Master Sgt. James Woods during the Chief's induction ceremony.**

## Gate 5 entry shifted

Inbound traffic at Gate5/Lockheed Gate will temporarily shift from the Lab Access Road to the new Atlanta Road.

Traffic will follow the new road to Generals Road and turn left for access onto Air Force Plant No. 6 and Dobbins ARB.

This pattern will remain in effect until the new Atlanta Road is completed this spring.



### Competencies from Page 1

ues of strategy, technology and organization are diminished without professional airmen to leverage their attributes."

Technology-to-warfighting involves the tools of combat capability.

"We combine the tremendous technological advancements of stealth, global communications connectivity, global positioning, and more, to put cursors on targets and steel on the enemy," Jumper said.

"It is our unique ability to apply various technologies in unison so effectively

that allows us to translate our air and space power vision into decisive operational capability."

They believe integrating operations means maximizing combat capabilities.

"Innovative operational concepts and the efficient integration of all military systems — air, land, maritime, space and information — ensures maximum flexibility in the delivery of desired effects across the spectrum of conflict," Roche said.

According to Jumper, victory in the 21st century belongs to those who can most quickly collect intelligence, communicate

information and bring capabilities to bear against targets around the globe.

"This is precisely what our Joint and Combined Air Operations Centers achieve," he said. "The result, integrated operations, is our unique ability to ... bring effects on the enemy at times and places of our choosing."

By continually striving toward the air and space core competencies, they said, the Air Force will realize the potential of its capabilities.

"We can achieve success in these six distinctive capabilities only if we're first

successful in our three (air and space) core competencies," Jumper said. "Only then do we bring the decisive effects of air and space power into joint warfighting.

"Collectively, the air and space core competencies reflect the visions of the founders of airpower ... and serve to realize the potential of air and space forces," Roche said.

"Our continued focus on and nurturing of these core competencies will enable us to remain the world's greatest air and space force," he said.



## Around the Wing



**By 1st Lt. Tammy Guthmiller**  
94th Wing Plans director

I'm excited about joining a great team with the 94th Airlift Wing. The Wing Plans office team is ready-made.

They have the attitude and experi-

ence to help a new director hit the ground running. Coming from down the street at 22nd Air Force, I already knew that there was a truly professional staff in place here. I'm looking forward to working along with them and all our units to maintain the wing's readiness.

Speaking of hitting the ground running, looking ahead, we have an Air Education and Training Command Operational Readiness Inspection and an Air Force Reserve Command Unit Compliance Inspection scheduled for April 2004.

As the wing focused on security and peripherals of the Sept. 11 attacks, we've postponed some activities that would help us prepare for our inspection, and more importantly — possible real-world events. While we've had to adjust, past events won't stop us from training and preparing to go to war.

In the coming months, we're conducting the first in a series of deployment exercises.

In March, we are focusing on our 'Deployment Machine' and our ability to move people and equipment through a processing line.

Our April weekend is geared toward our deployment work centers and our abili-

ty to survive and operate. On the horizon, you may find yourself participating in an Operations Readiness Exercise.

Through these exercises, we want to establish a positive wing readiness posture, evaluate our processes, determine our weaknesses, and improve how we go about meeting our mission goals.

So as you can see, we have our work cut out for us and with our operations tempo, it's going to be a challenge. But, let's make the most of it.

Take the training and exercises seriously. Be prepared for deployment or mobilization. Our ability to move troops and equipment quickly and to perform our jobs if we're called upon is based first on our commitment to training and being ready to do our jobs.

Then, it's based on our willingness to be prepared. It's a matter of taking time, for example, to make sure wills are in order and shots are up to date.

As individuals, we can contribute to the success of this series of exercises through teamwork, communications, and safe actions.

But keep in mind that we are learning and that each of us should take advantage of the training to learn more about what we do and to improve how we do it.



### Minuteman Staff

#### Wing Commander

Brig. Gen. William P. Kane

#### Public Affairs Officer

Capt. Jeff Dorr

#### Deputy Chief

Courtney E. Hurtt

#### Public Affairs Superintendent

Chief Master Sgt. David Curtis

#### Editor

Tech. Sgt. Bob Purtiman

#### Public Affairs Reserve staff

Master Sgt. Stan Coleman

Staff Sgt. Brannen Parrish

Senior Airman David Atchison

Senior Airman Micky Cordiviola

Senior Airman Reid Hanna

Senior Airman Michelle Sellers

Nyere Hollingsworth

#### Photographers

Don Peek

Senior Airman Brett Brown

#### Graphics

Tech. Sgt. Bob Martin

Senior Airman James Branch

This funded Air Force newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. military services. Contents of the Minuteman are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government or the Department of the Air Force. Editorial content is edited, prepared and provided by the 94th Airlift Wing public affairs office. All photos are Air Force photos unless otherwise indicated.

## The verdict is in

### Panthealo stomps Minuteman in contest; takes 60 percent of vote

**Compiled by Public Affairs**

During the January unit training assembly, the base populace had the opportunity to vote on a new wing emblem.

The votes have been counted and the verdict is in—the Minuteman is out. In comes the Panthealo as the new emblem along with its motto "Cunning-Rugged-Courage." The "Panthealo" garnered 60 percent of the vote.

What exactly is a "Panthealo?"

It is a combination of the insignia of the former 94th Reconnaissance Wing.

The image was approved on Apr.

6, 1956—it embodies a combination of different history rich units. It combines the body of a panther, the head of a buffalo and the wings of an eagle.



All animals were part of the insignias of the 331st, 332nd and 333rd Squadrons.

The panther represents cunningness, speed and flexibility of the modern tactical Air Force, to strike anywhere in the world; the head of a buffalo represents ruggedness and being symbolic of the early American pioneers in their fight for freedom of the world; the eagle symbolizing courage and stamina and is representative of the mobility of the modern technical Air Force.

The emblem portrays the mission of this wing as a tactical unit—mobility, speed, courage, flexibility and ruggedness in its striking ability.



### Voting results

Panthealo	172
Minuteman	107



### 2003 Wing UTA schedule

February	1-2
March	1-2
April	5-6
May	3-4
June	7-8
July	12-13
August	2-3
September	6-7



## Local Tuskegee Airmen share experiences

**By Master Sgt. Stanley Coleman**  
*Public Affairs*

Retired Lt. Col. Charles Dryden and Mr. Hiram Little have several things in common. They are both retired, black, and in their eighties. But above all, they both participated in the Tuskegee Experiment and are members of the Atlanta Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

Both men live in Atlanta and can vividly recall the events of their lives in preparation for and during World War II. Those events shaped their lives, led them down different paths in life and brought them together as brothers—to share their experiences in connection with the 992 black men and women who trained and served in the United States Army Air Corps as Tuskegee Airmen.

First Lieutenant Charles Dryden returned home to the United States Sept. 1943, after six months of active duty in North Africa as a fighter pilot. He was sent back home to instruct graduates of the Tuskegee Army Flying School and share his experiences on aviation tactics and survival.

After Dryden surprised his immediate family when he returned to New York, he was married to his military sweetheart, Lt. Irma Cameron at Tuskegee Army Air Field.

He returned to duty after a bout with malaria. Dryden was accompanied by four other 99th Pursuit Squadron pilots, who were assigned as flight instructors.

Two of the pilots volunteered to return to Italy on Christmas Eve with Lt. Col. Benjamin Davis, commander of the 332nd Fighter group.

Upon Dryden's choice to remain in the United States as a flight instructor, he experienced the insults that were common

to the prejudice and discrimination against blacks in the military during that time, even though he had fought to preserve freedom for all American citizens.

"Even though those events took place more than sixty years ago, I still have to fight tears of rage," said Dryden at his home in Southwest Atlanta. "The men I trained in aviation tactics were damn good pilots and deserved respect."

Before and after witnessing the allowance of German prisoners of war to freely enter into the "white" post exchange cafeteria, an area that was restricted to black officers and enlisted alike, Dryden and other black officers would visit and boycott the segregated facilities that existed before President Harry Truman's order for the desegregation of the armed forces.

"Our enlisted and NCOs staged the same protests against the 'colored' NCO club and barracks," said Dryden.

"By the time we began our combat training at Waterloo Army Air Base in South Carolina, we decided to demonstrate how good we were," said Dryden.

Dryden trained his pilots in low flying tactics to avoid enemy fire and accomplish landing maneuvers without being "sitting ducks" for the German Luftwaffe who would wait around for returning American aircraft low on fuel and ammunition.

The Saturday and Sunday low flying training, although justified, violated Army Air Corps regulations for low flying. As a result Dryden was court martialed twice in the summer of 1944 and found guilty for buzzing the air base and acquitted on the charge of buzzing the local town.

"Instead of being dismissed from the service I was granted a new trial," said Dryden. "I was retried in Charleston, South Carolina, for 'buzzing' the air base. This



Photo by Master Sgt. Stanley Coleman

**Dryden poses with his memorabilia at his Atlanta home.**

time the sentence was restriction to the air base for three months and suspension for promotion eligibility for one year. The power of prayer proved itself through my family, friends and wife." As a result, Dryden retired after 21 years of service at the rank of lieutenant colonel. He also served overseas in the Korean War.

Hiram Little, a resident of Northwest Atlanta, joined the Army for a steady paycheck in 1941. He volunteered for Army Air Corps flight training for the flight pay after two years of working and instructing on sighting and synchronizing aircraft machine guns in 1943.

"I left the enlisted ranks as a sergeant to become a flight officer (a position similar to that of a warrant officer) with 50% more pay for flying as a bombardier," said Little. "I had decided that the military was what I wanted after my first few weeks of enlistment. But I only stayed in for four years and seven months."

The event that had overridden his decision to make the Army Air Corps a career occurred at a military installation. Today that event is known as the "Freeman Field Mutiny of 1945." Freeman field was located in Indiana.

"Blacks were not allowed to utilize the same facilities as whites during those times," said Little. "There were black service members who were determined to break the rules of segregation during that time. Even though there was an officers club for blacks, I usually chose to do my partying elsewhere."

At Freeman Field there had been previous attempts of blacks to enter the "white" officers club which was segregated. A similar situation had occurred at Midland Army Air Field in Texas.

"Lieutenant Coleman Young, who later became the mayor of Detroit, helped to negotiate a settlement where blacks were able to become members of the 'white only' officers club in Midland Texas," said Little.

The commanding officer at Freeman Field had a base regulation drafted to restrict the attendance of black officers to segregated facilities.

The officers were summoned to receive a copy of the regulation and to sign a statement that they had read and understood it.

"I was assigned to Freeman Field at that time," said Little. "While waiting in line I thought—I've lived in a segregated society all of my life. If I sign, I would agree to segregation. I then decided I wasn't going to do it. More than 100 of us out of 400 refused to sign. I was told to go back to my quarters until further notice." News of the incident reached the press and persons who had political power. Little received a letter of reprimand instead of a court martial and was sent to Gardner Field, Kentucky.

"I realized that those of us who didn't sign could have been subjected to a more severe punishment, said Little. "At that time, a regulation named the 64th Article of War stated that it was a crime to disobey a direct order in wartime. It was a crime punishable by court martial and if convicted, carried a sentence of death."

I saw my opportunities being limited after that incident said Little. So after my term of service was completed, I left the military, and got hired by the U.S. Postal Service.

Little retired after more than thirty years with the postal service in Atlanta.



Photo by Master Sgt. Stanley Coleman

**Little signs an autograph for a fan at an airshow in Chattanooga, Tenn., last year.**



# After 30 years, 80th APS Chief calls it a career

*Chief Master Sgt. Walter Langford has called Dobbins ARB home since 1978*

**By Chief Master Sgt. Betty Petrie**  
622nd Regional Support Group  
Civil Engineer Manager

This weekend, members of the 80th Aerial Port Squadron and Dobbins ARB are thanking Chief Master Sgt. Walter Langford for more than 30 years of faithful and dedicated military service.

What's so special about his retirement? If you know Langford, you don't have to ask. If you don't know him, ask any chief on base, any commander he's supported, or any person he's helped raise money for and they will tell you why he's so unique and special to this base.

Langford joined the Air Force in 1960 and served four years. After a break in service, he joined the Dobbins family in July 1978 with the 80th Mobile Aerial Port Squadron as an airfreight specialist. As a reservist, Langford served a seven-week tour in Honduras; a six month tour in Alexandria, Va., at Army Material Command where he functioned as command sergeant major for Operation REEFEX, forming artificial reefs along the Atlantic coast; and a year at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. He was also one of the initial instructors for the standup of the Transportation Proficiency Center for the Reserve.

During Operation REEFEX, Langford was dumping scrapped armored personnel carriers from a barge 30 miles off the Georgia coast when he and his crew were forced overboard during a storm. Swells were washing over the barge, and the lighting was striking near. So instead of

being washed away, Langford and his crew took the plunge. The tugboat that had pushed the barge to the area quickly rescued them.

Langford's military service is honorable, but according to his peers, it was the extra effort and time that he put into helping others that made him stand out. From raising funds to help troops in the 80th APS to organizing a detail in support of a base function, Langford could always be counted on to take care of others.

As an exceptionally active member and leader within the Dobbins Chiefs Group, he was a fundraiser with no equal. Because of his efforts, the group has been able to consistently contribute to many humanitarian causes, both on and off base. When you think of the Fall Fling, Langford was one who carried the load gathering prizes, food and refreshments.

"Chief Langford is like a rock," laughed Ron Durant, a civilian with the Base Safety office and a long-time friend, "When it 'gets too windy to haul rocks,' it's getting just right for Walt." Among his coworkers and friends, Langford is known as the quiet, steady guy. An associate said the good thing about Langford was that he kept the rest of us straight. And another remembers an air show in Chattanooga, Tenn., when Langford broke his hand, but continued to deliver aircraft ground equipment without saying anything until the work was done.

"We were both young NCOs who hit it off from the very beginning when C-130s began arriving at Dobbins," said Chief Master Sgt. John Cowman, 700th Airlift Squadron, Loadmaster superintendent. "We're still close friends. I always went to Walt for advice; he's the older brother that I never had growing up, and I will truly miss not being able to bounce ideas off him."

This quiet man leaves behind a grateful unit, many friends, and a steady, dependable, unassuming legacy that few can hope to emulate. Goodbye, Gods Speed, and all the best to you and your family, Chief Langford!



Photo by Don Peek

**Chief Master Sgt. Walt Langford joined the Air Force in 1960. He has been at Dobbins ARB since July 1978.**

## Legal office, bar association team up for reservists

**By Staff Sgt. Brannen Parrish**  
Public Affairs

With the uncertainty of deployment looming on the horizon the 94th Airlift Wing Legal Office and the Atlanta Bar Association are attempting to provide much appreciated stability on the psyche of reservists.

The legal office received an influx of customers motivated by the possibility of deployment.

During the January unit training assembly, the legal office completed 48 wills and more than 50 powers of attorney.

"The way things are going on in the world the odds of getting activated and being deployed seem to be high," said Tech. Sgt. Zedrick Robinson, a hydraulic technician with the 94th Maintenance Squadron, who visited the legal office to have a will created during the January UTA.

Though most legal experts would likely agree that everyone should have a will drawn up, a dark stigma seems to be attached to the practice.



Photo by Senior Airman Brett Brown

**Base Legal Officer Maj. Timothy Ritzka, (left) counsels Master Sgt. Lewis Graves, 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, during the January unit training assembly**

"It's almost taboo to talk about getting it done or have a will made in a lot of people's eyes," said Robinson. "This will was the first one I've ever made."

Atlanta Bar Association members are assisting reservists by offering to take up cases on behalf of activated reservists.

They recognize the financial burden

that is often placed on mobilized reservists by agreeing to work on a pro-bono basis. In most cases, reservists won't have to pay a dime.

Maj. Timothy Ritzka, legal officer, 94th Airlift Wing is coordinating the venture, educating bar members about laws that relate specifically to the rights of citi-

zen airmen.

"There may be some cost but they will be based on financial need of the individual and in most cases very minimal," said Ritzka. "Ninety five percent of the actions they perform will be on a no-fee basis."

Reemployment rights, leases, interest rates on credit cards, mortgages as well as divorces are some of the legal aspects with which the Bar will provide assistance.

The association's assistance is appreciated by reservists like Robinson.

"It makes you feel more at ease to know someone is doing something on our behalf," Robinson noted. "It's like someone is actually on your side."

Ritzka noted that most problems with creditors and landlords can be stifled early on with proactive work on the part of the reservist.

"Over half of the members think that the problem is going to go away," said Ritzka. "Very few come to us after receiving the first piece of correspondence. They often wait until the last minute before coming in."



## Dinner theatrics

The Dobbins Consolidated Club is holding a dinner theater March 28. While watching a performance of “A Gentleman and a Scoundrel,” members can enjoy either Chateaubriand or pastry crusted salmon. Dinner theater is a members-only event and tickets go on sale March 4. Tickets are \$25 per person. For more information call 678-655-4594.

## Feast of the valentine

Can’t cook a romantic Valentine’s Day meal? The Dobbins Consolidated Club is here to help; Feb. 14, the club will be hosting a Valentine’s Day Dinner for reservists and their loved ones. For \$49.95 per couple, enjoy Chateaubriand for two, stuffed potatoes, vegetables and dessert. Seating is by reservation only. To make reservations, call 678-655-4594.

## Valentines gifts to remember

The Dobbins Creation Shop wants to help make Valentine’s Day easier by offering original, inexpensive gifts to reservists.

The shop, located in Bldg. 558, offers an assortment of Valentine bouquets, bears, candy, balloons and silk flowers starting at \$7.50 with free delivery on base. Advanced ordering is highly recommended. To place an order, call the Creation Shop at 678-655-5717.

## Showing love to reservists

The Dobbins Consolidated Club wants to show Reservists just how much they are appreciated. The club will be hosting a Member and Reservist Appreciation Night Feb. 23.

Members will receive a complimentary meal between 6 and 8 p.m., and they are encouraged to bring a guest. Guests eat for only \$5 and non-club members, who are eligible for membership, will be admitted for only \$5. The appreciation night will be filled with games, prizes, dancing and entertainment. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals under the age of 18 will not be admitted. For more information, call 678-655-4594.

## Ring in spring

The Fitness Center wants to help reservists spring into March. A Fun Run will be held at 11:30 a.m., March 12. The fastest runner will receive a party certificate and all participants who complete the 2.2 mile run will receive prizes. For more information, contact the Fitness Center at 678-655-4872.

## Softball season startup

Time to break out the bats and dust off the gloves. Spring softball season is almost here. A mandatory coaches meeting will be held 5 p.m., March 26, in Bldg. 558. Team rosters must be presented at this meeting. The season will begin April 2.

Games are scheduled to begin at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Team membership is open to all military, DOD Civilians employees and family members over 18 years old with an ID card. Call 678-655-4872 for registration procedures.

## Ski trip

Outdoor Recreation is sponsoring a Ski Trip to the Chatahoochee Ski Area in the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina, Feb. 7. Participants will depart from equipment rental at 6 a.m. and return at approximately 8 p.m. A

10-person minimum is required for the trip; early sign up is advised.

The trip costs are \$24 if you bring your own equipment or \$35 if you rent equipment (there are free lessons for those who rent) and include transportation and lift tickets. All fees are due at the time of sign up. For more information call, 678 655-4870.

## Hawks vs. Indiana Pacers

On Mar. 22, the Atlanta Hawks will play the Indiana Pacers and you could be at Phillips Arena watching all the action. The Dobbins package includes a ticket to the game, transportation from Dobbins Air Reserve Base and a Chick-Fil-A combo meal for \$30.00 per person. Space is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. Deadline for sign-up is Feb. 21. For more information call 678-655-4870.

## Officer association offers scholarships

The Military Officers Association of America will give \$1,000 college scholarships at random to sons and daughters of military personnel, including reservists in the Air Force Reserve Command.

Deadline to complete the online application form is March 1.

Formerly known as The Retired Officers Association, the MOAA will honor 100 college-bound or current undergraduate students with individual \$1,000 scholarship grants for the 2003-2004 school year. MOAA’s Base/Post Scholarship program is part of an ongoing effort to assist young people from military families.

Of the few eligibility requirements, applicants must be under 24 and provide basic information such as their SAT score and college. If an applicant served in the military before attending college, the maximum age for eligibility will be increased by the number of service years, up to five years.

Membership in MOAA is not mandatory, and there is not a GPA requirement to be selected.

Semifinalists will be notified by e-mail in March and may be asked to provide more detailed information. The scholarships will be dispersed by late August.

For information and to apply for MOAA’s Base/Post Scholarship program, go to [www.moaa.org/Education/2003](http://www.moaa.org/Education/2003). (AFRC News Service)

## Junior officer association meeting

Come and meet your fellow junior officers. This is a great opportunity to network and communicate. The first meeting of the Junior Officer Association will be held in the wing conference room Feb. 2, at 1 p.m., in Bldg. 838.

## Combat Dining In

Mark your calendars for some afterhours fun on April 5, for the first Combat Dining In at Dobbins ARB. Hosted by the Dobbins Top Three Association, a Combat Dining In is similar in formalities as a regular Dining In; however, the environment is tactical, the dress is battle dress uniform, and the challenges are different. Watch base bulletin boards and check the *Minuteman* for more information.

## Hockey time

The Macon Trax, a minor league hockey team will have a military night Feb. 8. Discount tickets are available to all military members. The game starts at 7:30 p.m. and ticket prices range from \$7 to \$13. The team will be wearing special military jerseys that will be auctioned off after the game. For more information call 478-743-6010.

# Some airlines waive ticket exchange fees

**By Gerry J. Gilmore**

*American Forces Press Service*

**WASHINGTON** — Some U.S. airlines are adjusting their rules so service members will not have to pay penalties if they need to alter ticket reservations because of military duty.

AirTran Airways, Delta Airlines and Hawaiian Airlines now waive ticket-change fees for service members on military deployment orders, while ticketing changes on Southwest Airlines are already free, according to Jean Marie Ward of the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

Ward said particulars of these carriers’ programs can be viewed at the Defense Department’s military assistance program Web site (<http://dod.mil/mapsite/>). Information from more airlines is expected to be added soon, she said.

According to General Service Administration officials, a number of other airlines will waive ticket-change penalties if service members present copies of their military orders or a letter from their commanders, Ward said. The waiver procedures are official company policy for some carriers, she said, but not all reservation or check-in people may know that. She suggested travelers call their airline for information before going to the airport.

Military travelers became prime penalty targets on Oct. 7, 2001, when America launched its military offensive against global terrorism. Many thousands of active and reserve-component service members already have been called up and deployed, Ward noted, and thousands more have been tapped for duty as part of the U.S. military buildup for a potential war against Iraq.

Questions were raised in late 2002 about the travel penalties faced by service members called off leave for military operations.

At the DOD’s request, GSA officials queried City Pairs Program carriers — the contract carriers for government travelers — regarding ticket-exchange penalties and waivers for the military, Ward said. Meanwhile, she added, Air Mobility Command officials pursued parallel inquiries and coordinated much of the discussion between the DOD and the airlines regarding waivers.

Information on the military assistance program Web site notes that the Army Emergency Relief Society, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and the Air Force Aid Society may provide loans to cover unexpected expenses resulting when carriers do not waive fees or penalties.

Policies for changing reservations or travel plans vary across the travel industry, Ward explained, noting that Amtrak tickets, for example, can be changed without charge in most cases. Prearranged travel packages would be more difficult to alter.

“However, the travel issues related to short-term deployments are broader than changes in personal travel plans,” Ward said.

Ward said the DOD is exploring the issue of this kind of short-fused family travel with the airlines. Military families whose care plans rely on other forms of transportation should check their carriers’ policies, Ward said. In any case, she noted, local military service relief societies might offer loans to cover these expenses. (Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)

# New AF service dress nametags ready to order

By Tech. Sgt. Eric Grill  
Electronic Systems Center Public Affairs

HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Mass. (AFPN) — The demand for the new service dress uniform brushed nametag is causing Air Force personnel officials to caution Air Force people that the wait could be a while.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is working to resolve the supply and demand issue, according to Lt. Col. Jenni Hesterman, executive assistant to the Air Force director of personnel force management.

The new nametag was selected by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper and other senior leaders Oct. 1. “As soon as General Jumper selected the ‘brushed’ name tag, AAFES engaged in the necessary process to

make it available as soon as possible,” Hesterman said. “AAFES has order forms available online at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com), and hard copy order forms available at military clothing sales stores.”

Hesterman said that an anticipated wait-time is about two to three weeks. She cautioned, however, that because this is a major uniform change, initial order volume would affect the estimated delivery time.

Dobbins Air Reserve Base has the order forms now. Air Force personnel can order the new nametags at the Military Clothing Sales Store, said the store manager, Connie Sherman. The online order form is also ready to use. An official mandatory wear date will not be established until Air Force officials can assess approximately how long it will take to outfit all airmen, Hesterman said.



The new nametag is worn on the wearer’s right side of the service dress jacket with the bottom of the nametag parallel to the bottom of the ribbons. It should be centered between the sleeve seam and the lapel.

## Promotions

### Chief Master Sergeant

Richard Trench  
Steven W. Wilburn

### Senior Master Sergeant

Diane M. Davis  
Monica D. Fletcher

### Master Sergeant

John D. Bearden  
Neil D. Bethune  
Ernest H. Farmer  
Paula R. Foust  
Cheryl A. Jackson  
Elora Jackson  
Shawn M. Sexton  
James R. Shebesta

### Reginald Talley

David A. Wagner

### Technical Sergeant

Marcus G. Carpenter  
James R. Fehrman  
Khoa Dang Nottis  
Kathleen M. Petridis  
Michael F. Todd  
Elgin G. Wright Jr.

### Staff Sergeant

Joseph J. Burno  
Joseph P. Capra Jr.  
John A. Guice  
Troy J. Mickens  
Theresa D. Newkirk  
Lorenzo Worrill

### Senior Airman

Nicole M. Bonte  
Macretia L. Bowman  
Terrence English  
Syreeta R. Hagins  
Latechia M. Hogue  
Patricia A. Jeter  
Shaun D. Johnson  
James T. Newton  
Falinda N. Simmons

### Airman First Class

Shakeema Bell  
Kelly M. Lee

### Airman

Jarrett S. Bowens

## Newly assigned

### Maj. Jonathan D. Micke

Capt. Kenneth A. Jones

Senior Master Sgt. David R. Knapton

Master Sgt. Francis J. Hill

Tech. Sgt. Michael T. Jackson

Tech. Sgt. Donald J. Paserba

Tech. Sgt. William H. Schmidt

Staff Sgt. Michael K. Baptiste

Staff Sgt. Janice D. Curtis-Thorpe

Staff Sgt. Hilda E. Moses

Staff Sgt. Joseph M. Phipps Jr.

Senior Airman Jeremy S. Cook

Airman 1st Class Randall Cathcart

Airman 1st Class Willie T. Hoover

Airman Michael K. Newsome

Airman Basic Candice M. M. Morrow

## UTA Schedule

SATURDAY	Activity	Time	Location	SUNDAY	Activity	Time	Location
	Open Ranks	7-8:30 a.m.	Unit assigned		Open Ranks	7-8:30 a.m.	Unit assigned
	Wing Element Staff Mtg.	7:30-8 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Room 1202		Physical Exams (aircrew)	7:30 a.m.	Navy Clinic
	Newcomers Intro	7:30-9 a.m.	Bldg. 838/WCR		94AW/M-16 AFQC	7:30 a.m.	Firing Range
	94AW/M9 AFQC	8 a.m.	Firing Range		Awds and Decs board	8 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Room TBD
	94AW/M-16 AFQC	8 a.m.	Firing Range		Physical exams	8 a.m.	Navy Clinic
	Occupational physicals	8-11 a.m.	Navy clinic		In-house 3S0X1 training	8-9 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Room 2304
	Restricted area badges	8 a.m.-2 p.m.	Bldg. 701/Room 112		Immunizations	8-11 a.m.	Navy Clinic
	Mammograms (94 ASTS)	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Navy Clinic		Restricted Area Badges	8 a.m.-2 p.m.	Bldg. 701/Room 112
	Newcomer orientation	9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Bldg. 838/Room 1202		Mask Fit	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Bldg. 838/Room 1322
	NBCWDRefresher	9-11 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Room 1322		HRDC Mtg	9 a.m.	Bldg. 838/WCR
	PCIII workers group	10-11 a.m.	Bldg. 827/Room 208B		Trng Review Panel	9 a.m.	Bldg. 727/700th AS
	First sergeants mtg	11 a.m.-noon	Bldg. 744/94th MXS		Yellow Fever shots	9-10 a.m.	Navy Clinic
	Occupational physicals	1 p.m.	Navy clinic		Chief’s Group meeting	9-10 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Room 1202
	CDC exams	1-3 p.m.	Bldg. 838/Room 2304		CDC Exams	9 a.m.-noon	Bldg. 838/Room 2304
	NBCWD Refresher	1-3 p.m.	Bldg. 838/Room 1322		IG Complaints	10 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Room 2105
	Deployment processing	2 p.m.	Bldg. 838/Room 2406		Enlisted Adv Council Mtg	10-10:30 a.m.	Bldg. 838/WCR
	Deployment Mgrs Mtg	3-4 p.m.	Bldg. 838/WCR		30-day record review	10-11 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Room 1202
	Retreat (700th AS)	4 p.m.	Bldg. 922/Front		Cmdr’s working lunch	11:30 a.m.	Consolidated Club
					Immunizations	1-3 p.m.	Navy Clinic
					Flying Safety	1-2 p.m.	Bldg. 727/700th AS
					Qtrly Super Safety Tng	1:15-2 p.m.	2nd FI Tng Rm